Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ardell Wilkins was born on February 5, 1934, to Raymond and Bertha Wilkins at St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and grew up on a farm 8 miles northeast of Cresbard where she attended school; and,

Whereas, In 2007, Ardell and husband, Ronald Bierman, celebrated 55 years of marriage and nurtured five children, Ed, Ronnie, Jerry, Charleen, and Michelle, while living on a farm near Chelsea until their recent move to Cresbard; and,

Whereas, Ardell and Ronald enjoy threshing bees, races, and camping, and Ardell has shared her gift of music through singing at many weddings and funerals; and,

Whereas, Ardell has been an employee at the Fest Inn, formerly known as the Cresbard Hotel & Café, for over 15 years where she has become well known for her delicious pies and potato salad; and,

Whereas, Ardell's dedication to hard work, infamous cooking reputation and 15 years of service to the Fest Inn is reason for celebration as folks gather to enjoy refreshments and good music in her honor at the Cresbard Community Center on September 19, 2007; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as governor of this state and one who has personally sampled a slice of Ardell's pie, to commemorate this day of appreciation:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2007, as

ARDELL BIERMAN DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State